

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, from Beethoven, who could not hear but gave the world magnificent symphonies, to Franklin Roosevelt, who could not walk but led America through giant strides in peace and war, is proof that the whole of human potential is far greater than the sum of its physical parts -- limbs or organs or faculties.

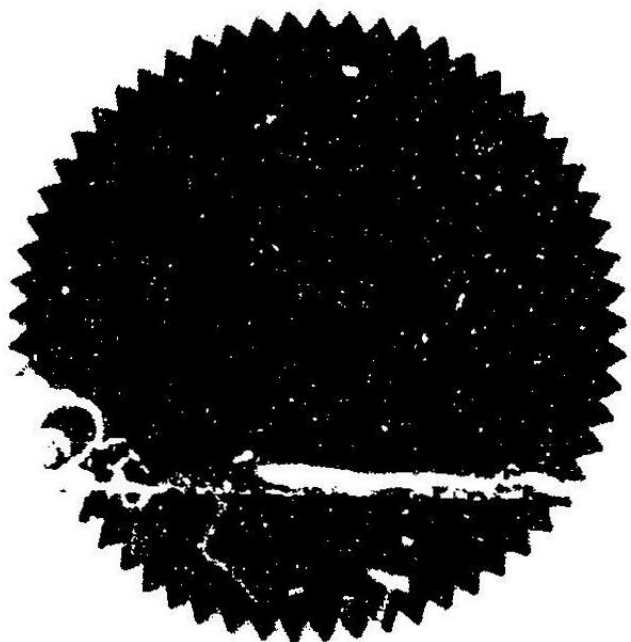
WHEREAS, for nearly a quarter century now, business, government, and the public have worked together as partners -- to open a newly self-reliant and fulfilling way of life for many thousands of handicapped men and women, and to unlock for the rest of us the benefits of the unique contribution each handicapped person has to make. Through such efforts, American society is learning that no handicap is insurmountable when a man has an unlimited view of himself and an ounce of help from his fellows.

WHEREAS, our responsibility to help provide training, jobs, and real opportunity for those who are handicapped as a result of accidents, birth defects, or disease, is a continuing challenge. In addition, we bear today the special trust of redeeming the sacrifices of our disabled veterans of the Vietnam area by giving them the very best in rehabilitation and employment assistances.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of South Dakota, do hereby call upon the people of South Dakota to observe the week beginning October 3, 1971 as --

NATIONAL EMPLOY THE HANDICAPPED WEEK

and urge the mayors of our cities and other public officials, as well as leaders of industry, educational and religious groups, labor, civic, veterans, agricultural, womens, scientific, professional and fraternal organizations, and all other interested organizations and individuals, including the handicapped themselves, to participate in this observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 28th day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-One.

*Richard F. Kneip*  
RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Alma Larson*  
ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE

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